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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: JOINT VENTURE IN SHEEP RAISING

1. AT REQUEST OF SENATOR GALE MCGEE, NEA/IRN HAS MET WITH ONE OF HIS CONSTITUENTS, PAUL ETCHEPAR OF THE WARREN LIVE STOCK COMPANY. ETCHEPAR IS INTERESTED IN ENTERING JOINT VENTURE IN IRAN TO RAISE SHEEP FOR MEAT. HIS COMPANY HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN FIELD AND HAS DEVELOPED STRAIN OF SHEEP THAT HAS HIGH RATIO OF TWIN BIRTHS, GREATLY IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY. HE HAS VISITED TEHRAN, BEEN GIVEN TOURS OF SOME OF MAIN SHEEP PRODUCTION AREAS AND HAS MET WITH PRINCE ABDORREZA, ROUHANI, SEPEHRI, MEHDI SAMII AND SEVERAL BANKERS. ETCHEPAR SAYS THESE OFFICIALS HAVE SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN HIS PROPOSAL BUT HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE PARTNER OR OTHERWISE FOLLOWED UP. HE FEELS HE NEEDS TO GET TO SHAH TO OBTAIN DECISION AND ACTION.

2. WE EXPLAINED NEED TO SEEK AUDIENCE WITH SHAH THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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IRANIAN EMBASSY, EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE

SORT OF PROJECT SHAH WOULD FOCUS ON AND SUGGESTED ALAM
MIGHT BE INTERESTED AND SEE POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVING
SHEEP PRODUCTION IN BALUCHISTAN. WE ALSO ARE ARRANGING

CALL ON IRANIAN EMBASSY.

3. IN VIEW SENATOR MCGEE'S STRONG INTEREST IN ETCHEPAR'S
PROJECT (SENIOR MEMBER OF HIS STAFF ACCOMPANIED ETCHEPAR
IN CALL ON IRN) WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE
EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE, INCLUDING SUGGESTION FOR POSSIBLE
IRANIAN PARTNER AND SUPPORT FOR AUDIENCE REQUEST IF ONE
IS EVENTUALLY SUBMITTED. KISSINGER

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